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Inmate Death at USP Lompoc's Satellite Camp

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, April 8, 2020, inmate Jimmie Lee Houston reported to Health Services staff at the Satellite Prison Camp (SPC) in Lompoc, California. He was evaluated by institution medical staff and transported to a local hospital for treatment due to a low oxygen saturation level. While at the local hospital, Mr. Houston tested positive for COVID-19. On Saturday, April 11, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Wednesday, May 6, 2020, Mr. Houston, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Houston was a 75 year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Alaska to a 120-month sentence for Possessing a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute, Possessing a Firearm with Obliterated Serial Number, and Criminal Forfeiture Allegation. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Lompoc since February 16, 2018.

SPC Lompoc is a Minimum security facility adjacent to the United States Penitentiary (USP) Lompoc and currently houses 502 male offenders.

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